



ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2002-9

AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
BY THE MAYOR

**AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER TO DECLARES STATE OF
EMERGENCY IN FLOODED AREAS OF NORTHWEST ATLANTA**

WHEREAS, due to record rainfall, certain geographic areas of the City of Atlanta have experienced flooding that has made the homes and apartments in these areas temporarily uninhabitable; and,

WHEREAS, the flooding has been compounded in some instances by a possible overflow from the combined sewer system into some of the affected residential areas; and,

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Commissioner of Watershed Management, the Interim Commissioner of Public Works, the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief that these severe conditions and the prospect of additional rainfall and increased flooding create an immediate and critical threat to public health and safety; and,

WHEREAS, the Charter and Code of the City of Atlanta empower the Mayor to declare an emergency and to take appropriate action to abate the emergency conditions and to protect the public health and safety; AND,

WHEREAS, having considered the facts, circumstances and recommendations of the various departments and agencies involved, the Mayor has deemed an emergency to exist;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That the following geographic area be declared an emergency disaster area:

VINE CITY: Northside Drive on the East; Vine Street on the West; Thurmond Street on the South and Simpson Street on the North.

WASHINGTON PARK VICINITY: Peoples Street on the East; Parsons Place on the West; Parsons Street on the South; and Beckwith Street on the North.

2. That any contiguous area similarly be included in this declaration as the situation in the field dictates;



3. That the Fire Chief, Chief of Police and the appropriate commissioners of operational departments are directed and authorized, to the extent deemed necessary, to cordon off the affected geographic areas, to evacuate residents to alternative shelter, to restrict public access to the area, to board up or otherwise secure structures within the area, and to do whatever is necessary, within the limits of their lawful powers to protect the public health and safety as it relates to these emergency conditions;
4. That City personnel coordinate efforts with local, state and federal authorities as necessary to address these emergency conditions;
5. That, to the extent that the efforts of City personnel need to be supplemented by non-City forces, the various commissioners are authorized to engage such contractors and consultants as necessary to abate the emergency and to protect the public health and safety.

SO ORDERED this 22d day of September, 2002.

SHIRLEY FRANKLIN
